

## Dayan to see Palestinians on his plan for autonomy

TEL AVIV, Dec. 31 (LAT) — Moshe Dayan says he is going to continue quiet meetings with Palestinian leaders on the Israeli-occupied West Bank and in the Gaza strip to see if his plan for unilaterally granting area autonomy is acceptable to them.

It proved unacceptable last week to the Israeli parliament, the Knesset, which voted on his plan 53-39 because of the opposition of Prime Minister Menahem Begin. But though Dayan will not push for adoption of his plan in the near future, he is not going to give it up, either.

The former foreign minister, who has some of the best contacts with Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza, proposed to the Knesset last week that Israel withdraw its military government from the occupied areas and allow the residents to run their own affairs.

Begin came out against the plan because he said it would conflict with the Camp David accords. The accords provide for negotiations to reach agreement on an autonomy plan by Israel and Egypt, to be implemented with the aid of Jordan and an elected Council of Palestinians.

The autonomy plan bogged down in disagreement between Israel and Egypt, and Jordan and the Palestinians have refused to take part. Dayan said that in his previous talks with Palestinian leaders he got the impression that they would be willing to accept his plan.

Dayan resigned as foreign minister in November 1979 in part because he was not being given a key role to play in the autonomy talks. He said in offering his own proposal that talks between Israel and Egypt, with U.S. participation, "had run into a blind alley."

because of the way they were conducted and the people who conducted them."

Dayan has long favored simply withdrawing much of the Israeli presence from the occupied areas to let the Arabs run their own police, education, health services, and other aspects of self-government. His formal plan calls for Israel to continue to maintain security forces in the areas and to retain the right to return the military government "in cases where Israel finds this vitally necessary."

But, said Begin, it would be a "negative precedent" for Israel to take any steps deviating from the Camp David agreements. Most of his Likud coalition voted against the Dayan plan. The opposition Labor Party voted for the plan, but, leaders said, just to bring it up for discussion. Dayan left the Labor Party to join Likud in 1977 and is now an independent.

"I don't expect Begin or Labor to adopt it," Dayan said of his plan. "I'm going to go on meeting with the Arabs to find out what proposals could work. I want to make sure it is acceptable."

He did not say who the Palestinians were with whom he would discuss the plan — (it would be dangerous for them, he thought, because of violent anti-Israeli feelings among the population) — and he did not say what route he hoped to follow next. There had been talk of Dayan and former Defense Minister Ezer Weizman forming a new party for the next election, in November, but nothing has been done to set up such a faction. Such a party might be in a position to push the Dayan proposal.

## Israeli minister threatens to quit over labor dispute

TEL AVIV, Dec. 31 (Agencies) — Finance Minister Yigal Hurvitz has threatened to bring down Prime Minister Menahem Begin's government over a labor dispute with teachers. Hurvitz told reporters Tuesday the ailing economy could not bear the teachers' wage demands averaging 50 percent. The salary increases would spark a chain reaction of demands by other workers, he said.

"If it is a choice between the party and the economy, when it comes to the crunch I choose the economy," he said. Hurvitz was ordered at last Sunday's cabinet meeting to work out an agreement with Education Minister Zviulim Hammer to bring to the next week cabinet session. But Hurvitz said the talks were "in difficulty."

Hurvitz has threatened to quit several times since becoming finance minister 13 months ago, and the targets are not taken as seriously as they once were. The latest instance was two weeks ago in a dispute over next year's defense budget.

Hurvitz heads the three-man Rafi faction in Begin's coalition, which controls 60 of parliament's 120 seats.

The government's survival now depends on the support of several independents, but a walkout by Rafi would almost certainly topple the government. Last month, it narrowly survived a no-confidence motion by a mere three votes.

### Assad decorates Shakaa

DAMASCUS, Dec. 31 (R) — Syrian President Hafez Assad Tuesday presented a medal to Bassam Al-Shakaa, mayor of the Israeli-occupied West Bank town of Nablus.

Shakaa, who lost both legs in a car bomb explosion in June, was awarded the National Omayad Order.

"This decoration is awarded to those who perform great acts and your struggle is one of the greatest acts," President Assad told him.

He reiterated Syria's support for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Shakaa arrived in Damascus Monday for a visit at Assad's invitation.

### 9 Brotherhood men killed

DAMASCUS, Dec. 31 (R) — Syrian security forces killed a member of the outlawed Muslim brotherhood Organization Tuesday when they stormed a Brotherhood hideout in Homs, in Central Syria, an official source said. A quantity of weapons and ammunition were found. Eight members of the organization were reported killed during raids on their hideouts in Damascus Monday.

The Brotherhood, a fundamentalist group, has been blamed for the murder of a prominent Syrian political leader in Damascus Saturday and for a series of assassinations and bombings in the country.



VISIT : Iraqi President Saddam Hussein visiting a kindergarten in Baghdad last week. President Hussein was briefed on the educational and cultural methods used in the upbringing of the new generation.

## Egypt blames Israel for stalled talks

CAIRO, Dec. 31 (Agencies) — Palestinian autonomy negotiations are slow-paced because of Israel's stubbornness, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said Tuesday. Ali was reacting to a statement by his Israeli counterpart, Yitzhak Shamir, who has blamed Egypt for the deadlock in the current round of negotiations.

The Egyptian minister noted that Israel had over the past 18 months failed to encourage the Palestinians to join the negotiations. Instead, Israel had fostered "an atmosphere of tension on Jordan's West Bank and in Gaza." Ali also said that the Israeli government has still not freed all Egyptian prisoners detained in Israel.

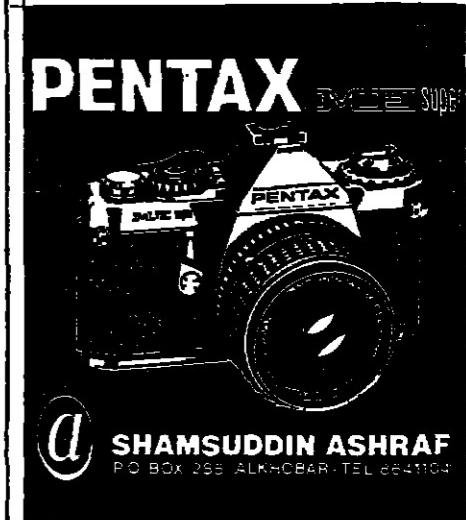
Meanwhile, former British Prime Minister Edward Heath, on a three-nation tour in the Middle East, met Tuesday with President Anwar Sadat to discuss the bogged-down talks and development in the region.

## Libyan diplomat defects to Iraq

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Libyan chargé d'affaires here, Abdul Salam Ali Aila, has sought political asylum in an unnamed Arab country protesting Libyan Col. Qaddafi's support for Iran in the Gulf war with Iraq.

"Despot Qaddafi has persisted day after day in committing most hideous crimes against the Arab people and now he has become a big menace to the reputation of Libya," the envoy said in a statement issued here Tuesday.

Well-informed diplomatic sources said that Aila had sought asylum in Iraq. When contacted, an Iraqi embassy press spokesman said: "We would welcome Mr. Aila in our country."



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## Death toll said high in Salvador fighting

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 31 (AP) — Fighting between Salvadoran government forces and left-wing guerrillas increased in violence Tuesday night in the northern province of Chalatenango, sources said. But reports on the situation were confused. With more than 1,000 men involved on each side casualties were said to be heavy.

The guerrillas claimed to have advanced 30 kilometers and taken control of a small town 134 kilometers north of the capital and allegedly the ninth township to have fallen into rebel hands. However, the armed forces continued to insist that the whole northern region was under military control and the claims of the guerrillas were "pure propaganda."

**Ternovsky, Soviet dissident, jailed**

MOSCOW, Dec. 31 (AP) — Leonard Ternovsky, a radiologist active with two Moscow dissident groups, has been sentenced to three years in prison on charges of slandering the Soviet state, dissident sources said Wednesday.

The sources said the sentence, the maximum, was handed down Tuesday after a brief trial in Moscow city court.

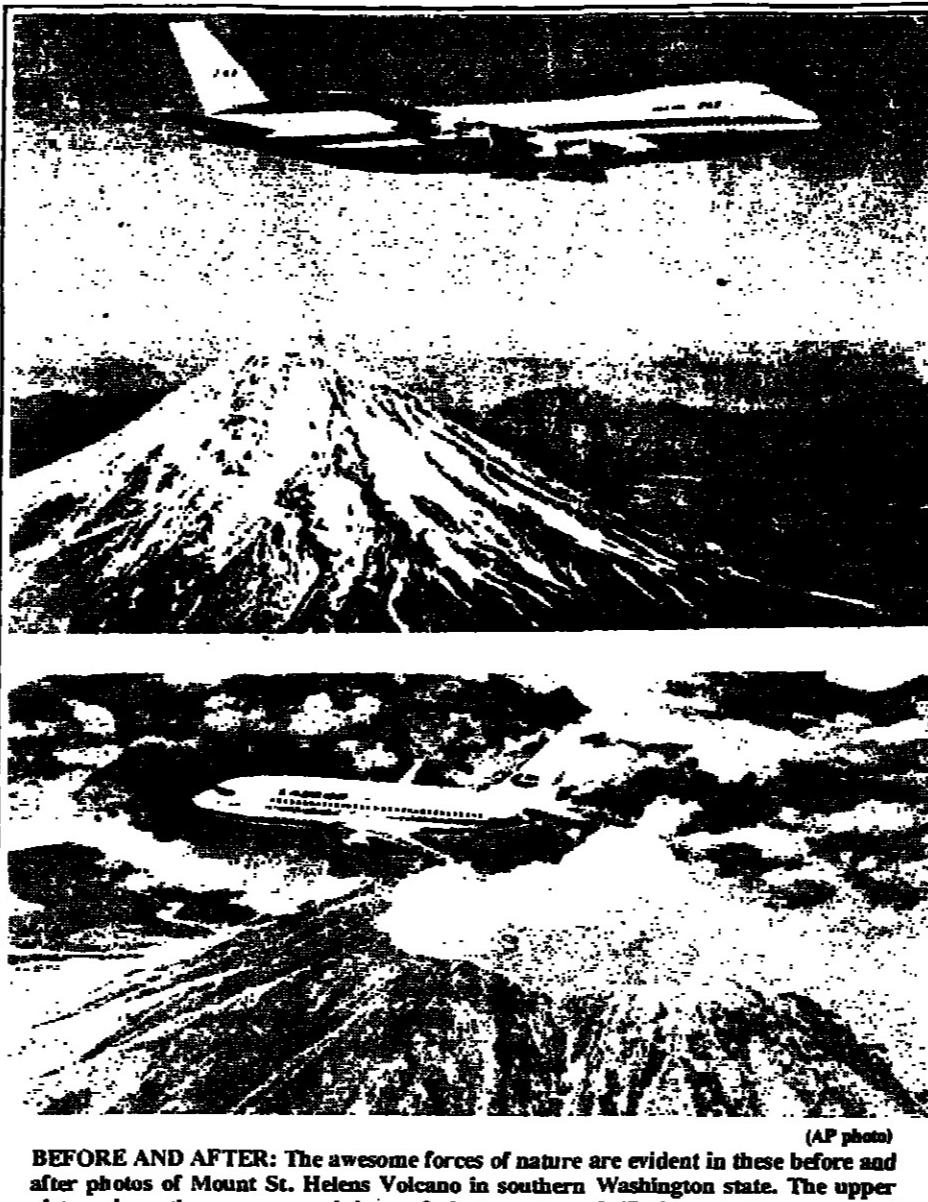
Ternovsky, 47 at the time of his arrest last

The opposition Democratic Revolutionary Front said in a communique that its "final offensive" had still not started. It accused the ruling junta and the security forces of using the fighting in the north as a pretext for "the genocide of thousands of peasants in the region." The front also said that preparations were going ahead for a general strike. To be launched when "general insurrection" broke out.

One guerrilla group, the Armed Forces of National Resistance, also alleged that a section of the army was "preparing to join forces to the revolution" under Col. Adolfo Majano, a former member of the junta who was recently dismissed.

**'Brainless' can be smart, study shows**

LONDON, Dec. 31 (R) — People with virtually no brains can often be extremely intelligent, a British expert has said. Professor John Lorber, a university neurologist, told reporters that British and American specialists had found through brain scans that individuals with high intelligence can have brains a fraction of the size usually considered normal.

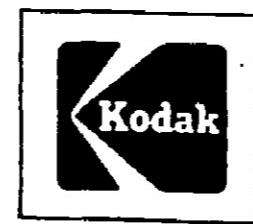


BEFORE AND AFTER: The awesome forces of nature are evident in these before and after photos of Mount St. Helens Volcano in southern Washington state. The upper picture shows the snow-covered slopes of what was then a 9,677-ft. peak. Some results of the 1980 eruption can be seen in the lower photo.

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### Millionaires express interest

## Times' time running out

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP) — Time was running out Wednesday for *The Times*, Britain's famous newspaper, whose owners set a New Year's eve deadline for bids to buy the loss-making daily.

If no bid is acceptable, *The Times*, its sister *Sunday Times* and three weekly magazines covering literature and other subjects will be closed next March.

A few millionaires expressed interest and so have *The Economist* weekly and Associated Newspapers Group Ltd., who own *The Daily Mail*. *The Daily Mail*'s founder, Lord Northcliffe, who died in 1922, once owned *The Times*.

The traditionally tight-lipped *Times*, selling 290,000 copies a day, had nothing about the crisis in its 22 pages Wednesday, the 60,844th issue since 1785, and the board kept silent on what bids if any — it has received.

*The Times* said it will consider only bids from "suitable" buyers whom it judges capable of maintaining its reputation and editorial integrity.

*The Times* journalists say they also have laid down requirements for the new buyer. Their union leader Jake Ecclestone said there must be no editorial interference and no layoffs, and the new proprietor must be accepted by the unions.

"We are crucially involved and it makes no sense at all for some person or some company to come along, with no matter how much money, and say 'I'll buy the *Times*,' if they don't have the confidence and the agreement of the people who actually produce it," Ecclestone said.

"If they don't have that confidence and agreement, then we'll be back in the same problems of lack of confidence and trust between the workforce and the owners."

The publishing company, Times Newspapers Ltd., is part of the Toronto-based Thompson Organization, an international conglomerate.

Owner Lord Thompson, whose late father bought the daily in 1966, lost interest in keeping it after constant disputes between the management and printers about overmanning and introducing computerized technology.

It was the second general strike in Assam in less than two weeks. The last was staged all day Dec. 20. Tuesday's reports said that normal life was paralyzed throughout the state. Poor attendance was reported in government offices. In the state headquarters at Dispur, near Gauhati, only 500 of the 2,000 employees turned up for work. Vehicles were off the roads and shops and other commercial establishments closed. Railways and the domestic Indian Airlines, both state-run operated skeleton services during the entire strike period.

Earlier, official reports, however, said that the strike was not observed in certain areas, predominantly inhabited by minority Bengali-speaking and immigrant settlers.

### But pampering goes on

## Prices pinch Thai elephants

BANGKOK, Dec. 31 (AP) — Nothing escapes inflation these days, complains the old royal councillor, nor even the king's white elephants. As sure as pachyderms love sugar cane, the cycle that starts with ministers around a conference table spirals down to the banana groves and fields of Thailand and now to the stables of the white elephants in a downtown Bangkok palace.

Not that anybody is thinking about abandoning the centuries-old tradition. White elephants are an ancient symbol of kingship in Southeast Asia and Thai monarchs have been keeping — and pampering — these elephants perhaps as far back as the 13th century.

King Bhumipol Adulyadej, the current Thai monarch, has 11 white elephants, who are actually not white but have certain albino characteristics. It is said that the more such elephants a king can acquire the greater and more prosperous will be his reign.

Sawet Dhompradith, a royal councillor charged with protocol, says that each morning at 6 o'clock three of the elephant keepers travel to the outskirts of Bangkok to buy provisions. Five years ago, he says, each 50-kilogram bundle of grass cost the equivalent of 25 to 30 U.S. cents but now the price has soared to \$1.50 a bundle.

The elephants also consume vast quantities of sugar cane, bananas, water as well as elephant delicacies like sweet-sour pods of tamarind wrapped up in a ball with a globule of salt inside. Doctor's bills as well as salaries for the 12 people assigned to their care also adds to the cost for the royal household.

Sawet points out that in earlier days, when monarchy in Thailand was absolute, the king simply requisitioned food for his beasts. Even then, it is said, if a king wanted to bring ruin on an enemy he would present one of these resource-gobbling animals to him or her.

In the English language the expression "white elephant" is defined as "something

from which little profit or use is derived especially such a possession maintained at much expense." In Thailand that does not apply.

The Elephant Maintenance Act of 1921 specifies that all white elephants in Thailand belong to the king and killing one commands a five-year jail term. In turn, the king will present the finder and giver of a white elephant with a gold medal and money.

Before an elaborate initiation ceremony to give the elephant an elaborate name and royal title, an expert examines the animal to ensure it possesses the prescribed characteristics which include whitish eyes, a whitish or pinkish skin color and 20 mairs (two more than the ordinary elephant).

One book on elephant lore also says the white variety must be "fragrant smelling and when asleep should not snore noisily and should emit the sounds of Thai classical musical instruments."

Once transferred to the Chitralada Palace in Bangkok, the elephants are taught basic behavior and special movements to be performed at royal ceremonies. They are washed daily, carefully examined for ailments and must be spoken to with respect by their keepers.

Sawet, who has spent 55 of his 74 years in the royal service, talks about the 11 elephants as if they were his children, pointing out the personalities of each. He is especially fond of Phra Sawet Adulyadejabon, found in Thailand's jungles in 1950 and the ranking elephant of the current group.

The death of a white elephant is a sad, solemn event. The animal is wrapped in a white cloth and five Buddhist monks offer prayers and sprinkle it with holy water. In earlier times, the elephant was placed on a bamboo raft which was floated down Bangkok's Chao Phaya River to the sea. Today, the elephants are buried at the palace. Grass, bananas and sugar cane are buried with them to ease their journey to the next world.



AWAITING RESCUE: A villager and his dog await rescue atop a car when their home in a British Columbian village of Canada was flooded Sunday by heavy rains and melting snow.

*i scrappy match*

## Juruguay prevails

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 31 (R) — Host Uruguay beat the Netherlands 2-0 in the opening match of the Montevideo Gold Cup Soccer Tournament commemorating 50 years of World Cup Football here Tuesday.

Goals from Venancio Ramos and Walther Victorino decided a generally scrappy game which lacked rhythm and only came alive during quicksilver Uruguayan attacks.

The Netherlands sorely missed the generosity of a Johan Cruyff or Johaekens and died in front of goal. The Uruguayan defense was very shaky at times, but the attack could still make no impression and frequent shots from outside the penalty area delineated their frustration.

The young Uruguay team, almost untested against first-class international oppositions, added its victory to the speed and footwork of 16-year-old midfielder Ruben Paz and scorer.

Cheered by the 65,000 spectators, the host evidently made most of the running and hit the post with a devastating shot from inside the box within 15 minutes and ginned the first goal in the 33rd minute. He worked his way up from his own half, as goalkeeper Pim Doesburg came out to catch, slipped the ball across for Ramos to p home.

Minutes before the half-time, the quick and dangerous Ramos earned a corner on the right and plunged over a dangerous swinger.

The ever-active Paz flicked the ball on,

and Victorino was on the far side of the goal

direct his header home via the post.

The goal should have killed off any remaining Dutch ambition. But the visitors, with

Van Meirlo replacing the injured Rene

an Der Kerkhof, started the second half

as enterprise.

Inevitably, it was Paz that swung the danger to the other end. His lazy run produced a wild goalmouth scramble that ended Doesburg was fouled.

The Uruguayans took complete control in the last 20 minutes. Doesburg had to make a rare save when Uruguayan leading scorer

Cruyff broke clean through.

Dutch coach, Jan Zwartkruis said after

the match that "the Uruguayans are a well

organized and will off the ball." Their right

wing, Venancio Ramos, really played well

and Ruben Paz looked like Uruguay's answer

to Diego Maradona."

"The Dutch team used to be known for its

**Neuper wins ski-jump**

WEST GERMANY, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Gold Hubert Neuper of Austria swept to an expected victory at the start of the World Cup's Cap's 29th four-meeting tournament here, fully justifying his rating as favorite.

Neuper, who had won the 28th four-jump tournament on his way to his earlier World Cup title, was in dazzling form with figures of 109.5 meters and 110 meters for a total of 215.6 points.

Though closely trailed by Yari Puikkonen of Finland after the first jump, he emerged clear leader with a technically perfect performance in the second.

Overall results here Tuesday left Neuper leading the World Cup standings with 25 points, followed by 2) Puikkonen (20 pts), 3) Roger Rund of Norway (15 pts), 4) Armin Kogler of Austria (128 pts).

Classification by nation was Finland 46 pts., Austria 37 pts., Norway 23 pts., East Germany 10 pts. and West Germany 7 pts.

Rund, Kogler and Puikkonen all confirmed their reputations, finishing 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively on the day.

So did Lake Placid olympic champion Jukko Toemaeinen of Finland, 7th on the day, and Per Bergerud of Norway.

West Germans Hubert Schwarz, and his brother Christopher on the other hand, from whom less was expected, surprised the 9,000 spectators with their success.

The East German team felt the absence of stars Jochen Dannenberger and Henry Glass, and had to be content with the 6th place on the day.

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"total football," he said. "The second goal, scored by Victorino, was typical of the sort of soccer we used to play." Zwartkruis said "the match showed that Uruguay soccer was on the up while Dutch soccer was on the decline."

"Uruguay seem to be playing better even before, while we no longer have players of the calibre of Cruyff, Neeskens, Rijksbergen and Suurbier," he said.

Uruguayan coach, Roque Maspoli said "We went into the match under a lot of pressure. This is our country, but the win will have done us a lot of good. It has certainly boosted our confidence."

Meanwhile world champions, Argentina arrived in Uruguay just hours before the start of the opening ceremony.

Argentina have assembled an impressive squad. Daniel Passarella, Ubaldo Fillol, Leopoldo Luque and the other 1978 stars, have been joined by Mario Kempes from Spanish Club Valencia and Osvaldo Ardiles, the English League side Tottenham.

For good measure Diego Maradona, rated one of the best players in the world, is also in the powerful squad.

Argentina face joint-favorites West Germany on Thursday.

## Taylor warns Forest players

NOTTINGHAM, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Nottingham Forest's assistant manager, Peter Taylor, has handed his players a tough New Year's message. He has told the English first division club's playing staff: "Fight for your places or be dropped."

Taylor claims the present squad is the strongest he and manager Brian Clough have assembled at the city ground but, he says, no one is certain of a place.

"We know we have got to win a trophy," said Taylor. "If Brian and myself fail, we will get the sack. If our players don't do their stuff then they'll be dropped."

"Take John Robertson as an example. Robertson got a serious threat to his place in young Colin Walsh. He knows he has got to produce first-class performances every

## Greenwood receives CBE

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AFP) — The British Olympic boycott controversy continued Wednesday when all the members and officials of the team that competed in last summer's Moscow games were omitted from the annual list of new year honors.

The names of all the medalists were proposed to the government but none were rewarded in the list.

In normal times, people like athletes Sebastian Coe (winner of the 1,500 meters) Steve Ovett (gold medalist in the 800 meters) Alan Wells (gold and silver medalist in the sprints) Daley Thompson (decathlon gold) and swimmer Duncan Goodhew (100 meters breaststroke) would certainly have been included, as was ice skater Robin Cousins after his gold in the winter olympics at Lake Placid February. He was named in the Queen Mother's birthday Honors in June.

Another sporting personality who could normally have expected recognition is Sir Denis Follows, secretary of the British Olympic Association and a former secretary of the English Football Association. He has been snubbed, however, for leading the campaign for British participation at Moscow.

Sportsmen and sports officials, and even a sports journalist are, nevertheless, honored in the list.

England's football manager Ron Greenwood gets the top decoration. He is named Commander of the Order of the British Empire (C.B.E.). The former West Ham United manager took over from Don Revie in 1977.

Another football honor goes to Bobby Lennox, the former Glasgow Celtic footballer and Scottish International. Now aged 38, the Scottish forward retired in November after 20 years for Celtic which included the European Cup-winning team in 1967. He is made a member of the Order of the British

## BRIEFS

BONN, (R) — Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Europe's new footballer of the year, was beaten by decathlete Guido Kratschmer in newspaper poll published Tuesday for West German sports personality of 1980. Rummenigge, overwhelming winner of the France football poll Monday, shared second place with two votes from a panel of 18 sports officials and athletes.

Kratschmer, who took nine votes, broke the decathlon world record last summer but missed the Moscow Olympics because West Germany joined the U.S.-led boycott.

HAGEN, West Germany, (AFP) — China's women's volleyball team won the International Tournament here Tuesday when they crushed Hungary 3-0. Set scores were 15-3, 15-1, 15-5. They finished the event with 12 points — three more than second-placed Hungary. West Germany were third on 8 points.

LUXEMBOURG (AFP) — West Germany won the six-nations Junior Basketball

Tournament here Tuesday when they scored a narrow 70-68 win over the Netherlands and a 56-50 victory over Luxembourg. France finished in second place after beating Sweden, Goway and Belgium were third after defeating Luxembourg 99-68.

DAVOS, Switzerland (AFP) — Swedish side Färjestads beat local team Davos 7-1 in Tuesday night's Spengler Cup Ice Hockey clash here. Scores 3-0, 3-1, 1-0.

LEEDS, (AFP) — Great Britain have had to make a change in their under-24 Rugby side scheduled to play France at Villeneuve on January 10. Injured Mick Burke, the Wines full-back, has been replaced by Keith Mumby of Bradford Northern.

HONG KONG, (AFP) — North Korea won a berth in the final of the World Cup Asian Zone Group Four qualifying round by beating Japan 1-0 in extra time. The decisive goal was scored by Korea's Kam Yong Nam. The other semi-final between Hong Kong and China will be played on Wednesday.

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ALL SET : Workmen give the finishing touches to the Centenario Stadium in Montevideo where the Gold Cup Soccer Tournament got underway on Wednesday. (Wirephoto)

## Ghavri confident of playing

SYDNEY, Dec. 31 (AFP) — India's test left-arm pace bowler Karsan Ghavri, did not take part in a practice session Wednesday, but team manager, Wing Commander Shahid Durrani, is confident he will be fit for Friday's first Test against Australia.

Ghavri fell on a stump in a limited-over match against New Zealand in Adelaide last week, causing severe bruising to his chest.

The injury was sufficiently painful for Ghavri to have an x-ray, but no fracture or chipped bone was found. Ghavri said, he felt much better after treatment and he is optimistic of proving his fitness at next practice at the Sydney cricket ground Thursday morning.

The Sydney cricket ground wicket was quite well grassed and dry despite recent rains, and should be an excellent wicket for the test.

The Indians were obliged to work out at former English Test all-rounder Barry Wright's indoor cricket school Wednesday morning because of rain. However, by mid afternoon the sun was shining and the forecast was good for the weekend.

Players, who have caused the Indian team manager concern because of injury and illness are opener Chetan Chauhan, wicket-keeper Syed Kirmani, and all-rounder Roger Binny, all had a solid work out and seem of being available for selection.

The Indians will probably announce a 12-man squad Thursday with both spinners, Dilip Doshi and Shival Yadav in the squad.

But there was sufficient grass on the wicket Wednesday afternoon to suggest that only left-arm orthodox slow bowler Doshi, would be in the final team.

The Australian selectors have omitted Trevor Chappell from their squad after Melbourne all-rounder, Shauna Graf, passed a fitness test in Melbourne Tuesday.

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VISITING ARTIST: Amarnath Sehgal guides a child at a UN-sponsored workshop program

*Unspoiled by success*

## Sculptor brings message of peace in bronze

By a staff writer

JEDDAH — Visiting the Kingdom at present is an artist of global fame. He is Amarnath Sehgal, whose sculptures are prominently displayed in many modern museums and art galleries, whose bronze messages of peace and love grace city squares and whose work has been appreciated and honored by art moguls both in his native India and abroad. Sehgal now hopes to have an exhibition of his works in the Kingdom sometime in 1981.

In an *Arab News* interview at the Hyatt Regency Hotel where he is staying, Sehgal mentioned that in May this year his work had gone on display in Dubai and was well received. This, together with the knowledge of Mayor Farsi's beautification of Jeddah scheme which includes sculptures by world

famous artists, has drawn him to Jeddah. An elegant, serene and soft-spoken man, Sehgal has not been spoilt by his success and fame. There is no air of arrogance as he describes his childhood passion to mould and create and his family's insistence that he study science instead, his early days in New York when he had often to survive on one meal a day, and time when his talent as a sculptor was finally recognized.

From early years, Amarnath Sehgal was interested in sculpture but was implored by his family not to "waste time." He said wryly, "Art was not considered a serious profession in those days. You did that as a hobby." So, he got his Bachelor's degree in science from the University of Punjab while continuing to write poetry and make clay sculptures in his spare time. He frequented the company of such famous artists as Chughtai and Rubabi. Subsequently his sculpture was exhibited in Lahore and Delhi. "But," he recalls, "it was all in my spare time. I had a full-time job meanwhile as works manager in a factory."

The artist in him remained dissatisfied. He longed to give his full attention and time to sculpture. So strong was this yearning that he quit his job and said goodbye to his homeland, a tiring 47-day journey aboard a freighter delivered him to New York. "I was actually planning to go to the West coast (of USA) but friends in New York art circles suggested that I should stay on in that city." "I have never regretted that decision," Sehgal says.

During his stay in New York he was able to obtain a fellowship, which enabled him to attend school and obtain a degree in philosophy and education. He was at the same time an important member of the avant garde movement and participating in art exhibitions.

"Those were rough days. I was so hard up and lived on so little," the artist recalls.

Although recognition came slowly and gradually, the world could not remain permanently indifferent to the artist or his bronze sculpture. The breakthrough came when he was featured in the prestigious *New Yorker*'s "Talk of the Town." From then on it was a success story. Awareness of his talent dawned on art critics, his sculptures were in great demand and rubbing shoulders with world leaders and the powerful became part of Sehgal's daily schedule.

Sehgal uses a single medium, bronze, and calls it "a full and powerful medium requiring a lot of finance and long working hours." From *To Space Unknown* in Moscow to *Conquest of Moon* adorning the White House in Washington, all his beaten bronze sculptures seem to be alive, pulsating with a flow of rhythm. Like the creator himself, his art is a fine mixture of hope and sadness. His powerful abstract forms seem to express his anguish at our troubled times and a hope for universal

peace and understanding.

Sehgal feels that art should be a form of giving joy and love and not an expression of torture and hate. Speaking with quiet strength, he observed, "Creativity blossoms out through love and compassion; negative forces of hate, anger and contempt never add up to creativity."

A believer that understanding and solidar-

The world has not ignored his power of expression or his ideals either. Since 1964, he has received a number of honors and awards.

The latest is a tribute by the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture and Art which has recently sponsored a film giving a complete view of Sehgal's sculptures in order to make more widely known his message of human understanding.



WITH SHEIKH RASHID: admiring a bronze entitled "Victor and Vanquished"

ity can be reached through art, he organized a UN-sponsored children's workshop last year. Children from different nationalities, many of them not knowing the other's language, participated in this program. Yet in ten days the group was able to work happily and to present six murals on different subjects, thus proving the teacher's point. The workshop was so successful, according to Sehgal, that he has been asked to organize a similar program for south-east Asia. "I love children," he declares, "they are our future hope, and art is a universal language that can make the world richer, happier and more peaceful."

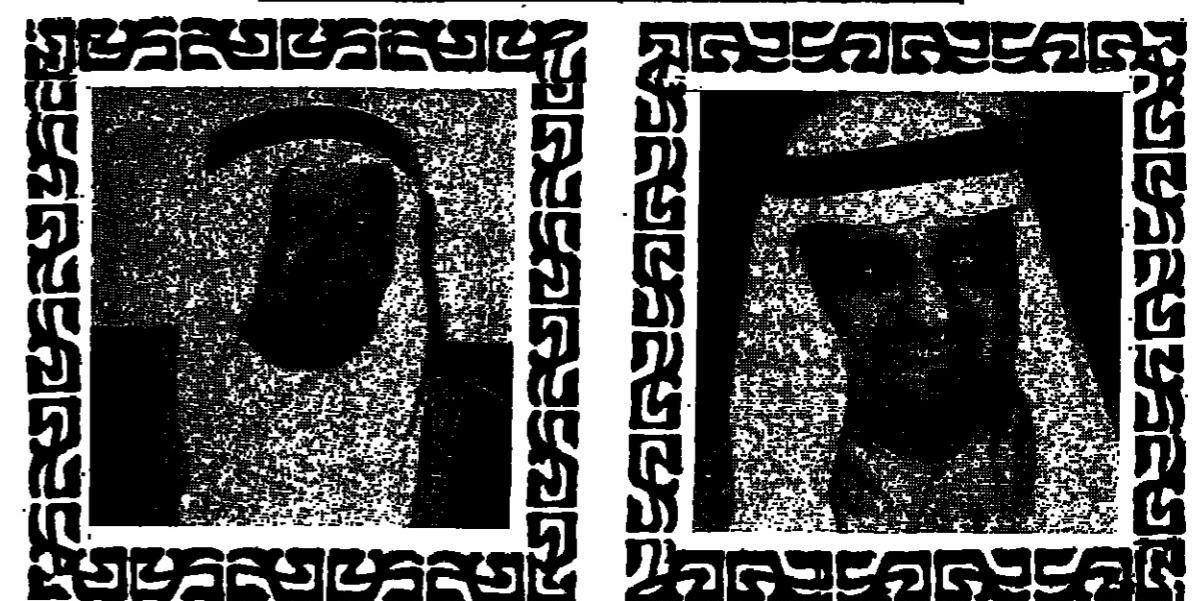
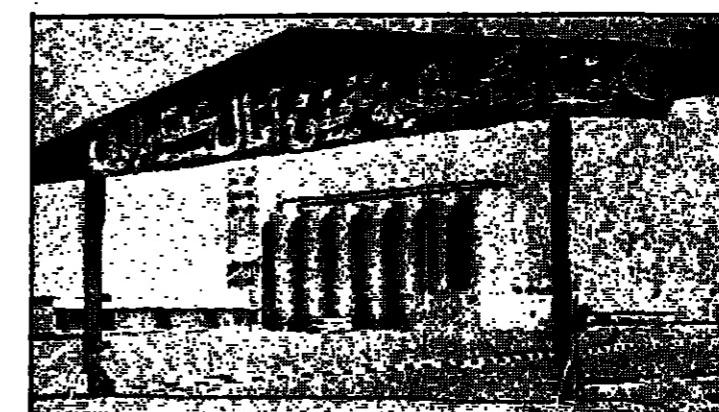
His belief in love and peace goes beyond any boundaries of color, creed or nationality.

Sehgal writes poems as a pastime but, like his sculpture, they are also reaching international fame and have been translated into several languages.

He travels a few times a year for his various exhibitions and projects but his permanent residence is in Delhi. He says with a smile, "I have to stay close to my roots. I cannot live away from home on a permanent basis. I was granted the residency for Belgium but I turned it down, believe it or not." His two sons stay in the USA at present.

Sehgal is not sure exactly when he will be able to display his sculptures in Jeddah. The exhibition is likely to be in a few months' time at the Hyatt Hotel.

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## Arab News Diary

JEDDAH

By Raana Siddiqi

Safya Binzagr, our celebrated artist, is back in town after solo art exhibitions in London, Paris and Geneva. The artist was busy these past months travelling in connection with the exhibitions, which displayed her famous paintings on Saudi heritage and folklore. The show was highly acclaimed in all the three cities by the media, critics and viewers alike and drew large crowds of art lovers.

To inaugurate the new Paris-Manila route, Air France recently invited 130 guests from Paris, Jeddah, Dhahran and Riyadh to visit Manila. The guests were divided into two groups and given special banding and VIP treatment both on board and on ground. Other special facilities and arrangements were also

offered. The guests from the Kingdom had the added advantage of being accompanied by one of Air France's public relations officers who arranged shopping trips, guided tours and transportation in Manila and other points of interest in the Philippines. All the guests are back home now according to Georges Yoghns, district manager of Air France, Jeddah.

Dr. Ahmed Mohammad Ali, president of the Islamic Development Bank, held a reception at the IDB headquarters last Saturday in honor of the new Assistant Secretaries General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). The chief guests, Arshad Zaman from Bangladesh, Zainoel Arifin Oesman from Indonesia and Bakary Drame from Mali, recently took up their posts at the OIC General Secretariat and this was a good occasion for them to meet a host of local dignitaries and members of the diplomatic corps.

The PLAJ monthly meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 4, at 10:30 a.m. at the Meridien Hotel. The next meeting of the British Community Wives will be held Monday, January 12, at 4:30 p.m. at the British Ambassador's garden. Children are welcome. The next session of the British businessmen's lunch takes place Sunday, January 18, 1981, at 1 p.m. at the Nova Park Hotel, Jeddah.

Al Khariyah Women's Welfare Society in Mecca Road will celebrate "Saudi Day" Wednesday, January 14, at 7 p.m. The program, according to informed sources, includes presentation of the Saudi wedding ceremony and other folklore. This will be a great opportunity for expatriate women to catch a glimpse of a part of Saudi tradition. Tickets can be obtained from the Khariyah offices on kilo 3, Mecca Road, not far from the Meridien Hotel.

### Founded to help blacks

## Business school offers cheap study

By Joseph D. Whitaker

WASHINGTON, (WP) — When Gonnet Manery left Liberia last November to attend college here, he expected to find a bustling university, with green rolling hills, modern buildings and hundreds of students.

But when he pulled up in front of the building in Northwest Washington, his dreams of Blackwell Business College vanished with the sight of two dilapidated row houses and a door hanging off its hinges. Once inside, he found that the room he had paid a year's rent for was what he described as a bedroom closet cluttered with trash. There was nothing left to do but cry.

I had expected to see a campus like the picture on the front of the college catalog — the U.S. Capitol building — recalled the 28-year-old, who paid the school — \$1,080 for one year's tuition and room rent before he left Liberia.

Thirty years ago, Blackwell Business College was the business school in Washington for young black people. But when schools were desegregated in 1954, many of the blacks flocked to the previously all-white schools, which offered more prestige and better facilities. Blackwell's enrollment declined, but it managed to survive by carving out a new role: serving as the gateway to the United States for foreign students looking for an inexpensive American college.

Getting into Blackwell can cost a foreign student as little as 1 percent of what he would have to pay to get into one of the four big universities in Washington. Over the last 25 years, 5,000 students from half a dozen West African countries alone have attended the school and foreigners now make up virtually its entire student body.

The school offers diplomas in seven business career programs, including a six-month IBM keypunch course and a two-year real estate brokerage course. The current student body of fewer than two dozen students is taught by a five-member faculty, which includes an accountant, a retired statistician and Lloyd Fennell, director of the United Planning Organizations' neighborhood center no. 2, who teaches minority business and business principles as a volunteer. The

typical class meets five hours a week, and full-time students are expected to take at least five courses a quarter.

Blackwell College undertook a very noble task in that they educate our people when no other school would do," said Traty Teh, research and information officer at the Liberian embassy here. "Now that there are a lot of schools blacks can choose from, it is clear that our poorer students are attracted to Blackwell, not for the quality of its education, but because the school has a low tuition and is very liberal with I-20 forms."

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service felt in the past that the school was too liberal with those forms, which enable an alien to get a student visa. Ten years ago, it revoked the school's authority to issue the forms, which verify that a foreign student has been admitted to an American school. The

INS said that the tiny college had not kept it informed of the whereabouts of students who were admitted to the school, but who later left.

The school appealed to the U.S. court of appeals here, and the court ordered the INS to restore its power to issue I-20 forms, saying the INS had failed to follow due process. The INS had left the school alone since then.

"When our consular officials abroad receive Blackwell's I-20 forms with a childishly scrawled signature, the officials sometimes question whether it is authentic," said Margaret Warren, INS liaison officer for foreign students. "But when we write a note and explain that (the school's president) is 93, the officials understand."

Ninety-three-year-old Suzanna Blackwell, wooden cane in hand, curly brown wig over her gray hair, still presides over the institution she founded 39 years ago.

She arrived in Washington in 1920, up from South Carolina to take a secretarial job with the federal government. Within a few years, she had earned a law degree and become a real estate broker — the first black woman in the city to earn her license, she says.

It was through word-of-mouth that students like Manery and Sekou Boni Vincent, the eldest of 19 children from a farm family in the Ivory Coast, found out about Blackwell. They were bitterly disappointed when they arrived in Washington, but they discovered that the school did have its advantages: it required students to put up as little as \$120 (and no more than \$84) before sending them an I-20 form. Howard University, for example, requires foreign students to pay roughly \$8,125. George Washington University requires \$11,000.

Suzanna Blackwell maintains that her catalog, which has been the same for nearly 20 years, is not misleading. "We decided to use a picture of the U.S. Capitol because we are located in Washington. It never occurred to us that anyone would assume that the picture represented our school. We've never tried to deceive anybody."

Last year, two Liberian students filed suit against the college in D.C. small claims court, to try to recover nearly \$2,000 they had paid in advance tuition. The court awarded William Greaves and Emmanuel M.S. Ambulu \$250 each, plus \$100 for attorney's fees. Greaves and Ambulu, who had both rented rooms at the school, contended in court that the school did not provide proper heat and hot water, that their personal mail was frequently opened, and that their teachers were unqualified.

Blackwell denied the claims, arguing in court that the students had become angry with her because she refused to allow them to cook in their rooms.

For every disgruntled student, though, there seems to be one who is satisfied. One such is Doris Fletcher, the coordinator for the Washington office of the state of Texas.

"I attended Blackwell (in 1960 and 1961) when it was one of the few schools in Washington accredited to teach business skills," said Fletcher, who studied business administration, shorthand and typing at the school. "I came away from Blackwell with a very good education and I've since gone back for brush-up courses."

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# Nigerian, N. Sea oil price likely to rise

LONDON, Dec. 31 (R) — Libyan four-dollar oil price increase to OPEC's new top limit of \$41 a barrel, a bigger jump than expected, is likely to be followed by Nigeria and lead to a rise in British North Sea prices, Western oil industry sources said Wednesday. When OPEC fixed the new ceiling at a meeting in Bali, Indonesia, Dec. 16, several ministers said they doubted that any producer would initially set tariff higher than \$40 for a 42-U.S.-gallon barrel.

Libya, however, has been a consistent advocate of sharply higher OPEC prices and appears to have decided to set a "hawkish" lead in fixing rates under the *elastic pricing formula* agreed in Bali. This provided for price increases for 1981 by the 13 members of the oil exporter group that ministers said were likely to average around 10 per cent.

Increases reported so far, by Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Venezuela and Libya, fall broadly within that projection. The Saudis, pricing moderates as well as the biggest exporters, have gone up only about seven per cent, from \$30 to \$32. Libya's increase, reported by New

## U.S. deficit drops to \$1.66b in November

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (R) — The U.S. trade deficit narrowed to \$1.66 billion in November from \$1.86 billion in October as the American demand for foreign oil fell to its lowest point in more than four years, the government said Wednesday. The report prompted commerce department analysts to predict that the United States might end 1980 with a trade gap of only \$31 billion and not \$44 billion as feared earlier.

U.S. exports declined by 2.4 per cent this year, largely as a result of deteriorating economies abroad. But imports fell even more — 3.1 per cent — accounting for the overall improvement in the U.S. trade balance.

The decline in imports was largely due to a drop in the US demand for both oil and foreign cars. Oil imports fell 7.6 per cent in November to 172.1 million barrels. The lowest since May, 1976, when 165 million barrels were imported.

York oil industry sources last night, is closer to 11 per cent.

Western oil industry sources said the Libyan move up to the \$41 ceiling is likely to be matched by Nigeria and Algeria. They produce light, low-sulphur crude of similar quality and, like Libya, have always argued that oil prices need to move sharply up.

Together, the three African exporters account for about one fifth of total OPEC oil output, depressed to around 24 million barrels per day (BPD) because of lost production by warring OPEC neighboring Iraq and Iran. African prices are traditionally followed by Britain now a substantial exporter of light North Sea crude to Western Europe, and oil industry sources in London said a British price increase in January can be expected.

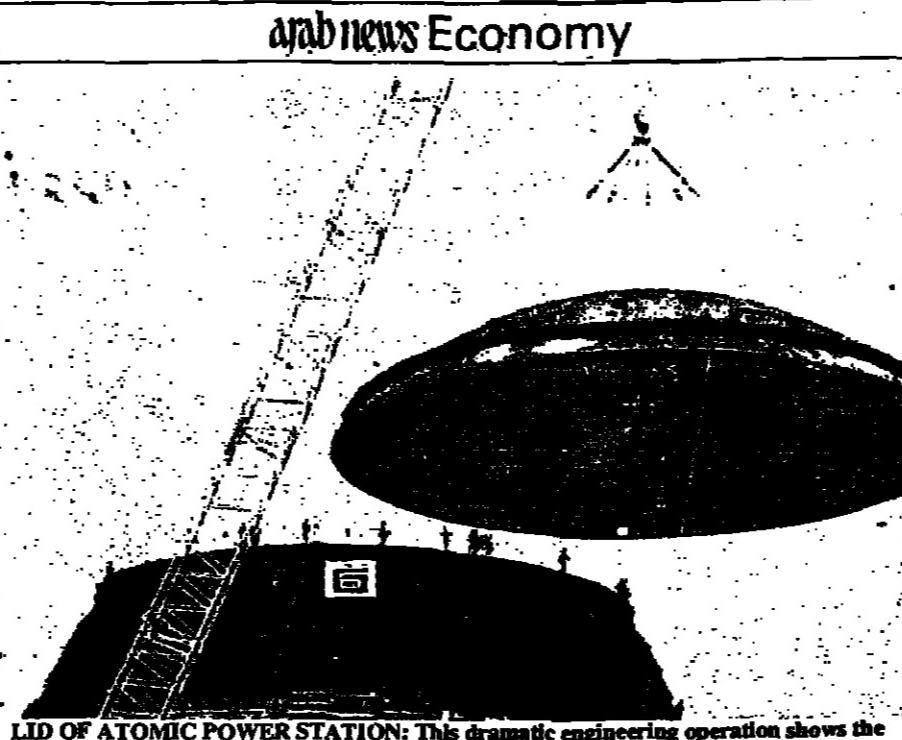
British tariffs would not necessarily go to the \$41 OPEC ceiling, the sources added, noting that during 1980 they had drifted about the dollar a barrel lower than African rates. A British increase from about 36 to around or just under \$40 a barrel was possible, the sources said.

Those OPEC ministers who said in Bali they doubted whether any exporters would raise prices to the \$41 limit based their view on a reading of the market which suggested that, despite lost Iraqi and Iranian output, buyers might be well enough supplied to be able to spur 41-dollar oil.

Oil analysts said Libya appeared to have judged the market differently. They added that, as well as waiting for news from Nigeria and Algeria, the industry was now watching to see whether the OPEC gulf exporters other than Saudi Arabia — Iraq, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar — would follow the hawkish Libyan lead.

Together they are producing about 5.5 million BPD of mostly heavier quality crude — Saudi Arabia produces 10 million — and could, under OPEC's Bali accord, set January tariffs up to around \$36 a barrel. That would make for roughly a four-dollar increase, but Kuwaiti Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah has said he felt most would opt for increases not exceeding three dollars and prices around a benchmark or marker rate of \$35 a barrel.

Analysts said Libya's move might change that, but noted that Indonesia, in the middle tier of OPEC price moderates, opted for a \$35 marker when announcing new tariffs Wednesday.



LID OF ATOMIC POWER STATION: This dramatic engineering operation shows the giant lid being lifted into position atop America's latest atomic power station in Wadsworth, Connecticut, USA. The lid is fabricated on the ground and lifted into place as one unit.

## Greek opposition rejects policy over EEC membership

BRUSSELS, Dec. 31 (R) — The European Common Market takes on a more Mediterranean look on Thursday when Greece becomes its 10th member — the first of three southern countries expected to join in the 1980s. The last enlargement, when Britain, Denmark and Ireland joined the six EEC founding members in 1973, brought crisis after crisis to the community. Much of the tension was based on British doubts about membership.

Greek membership has been hailed by Prime Minister George Rallis as a move which will strengthen the country's democratic institutions. But the Greek opposition is against EEC membership and has already talked in terms of renegotiating entry if Rallis' government loses the next general elections.

For international civil servants at the EEC's Brussels-based institutions, such talk revives unhappy memories of community business being slowed up when British leaders carried out similar promises.

Britain's record prompted French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing last June to urge the community not to admit new states until existing members had fully adapted. His statement caused concern in Spain and Portugal which are currently scheduled to join during 1983.

Greece, with its southern farm products, will provide a foretaste of the problems likely

to arise with the Iberian countries' accession. But the similarities between the three countries are political as well as economic. All have rid themselves of right-wing dictatorships over the past seven years and view EEC membership as a stabilizing force.

At an eve-of-entry press conference in Athens, Rallis stressed the political aspects of membership.

"We weighed the advantages and disadvantages of full accession and came to the conclusion that the economic gains we would achieve far outweighed the disadvantages," Rallis said. Five years have been allowed for Greece to make its transition to a completely free market. For a few products, such as fish, tomatoes and peaches, the period will be seven years.

Under the community's common agricultural policy, Greece will benefit from support prices for olive oil and tobacco, but EEC commission sources have stressed that these subsidies will be minor compared to those projected for Spain and Portugal. Agriculture aside, other EEC members can look forward to the addition of 10 million Greek customers to their trading zone.

Greek entry will also bring the community one of the world's largest merchant fleets, representing 13.4 per cent of world commercial shipping.

## Greek freighter suspected of violating U.S. embargo

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida Dec. 31 (AP) — A shipment of \$7 million worth of Florida phosphate products apparently went to Iran just few days after President Jimmy Carter banned trade with that country, the St. Petersburg Times reported Tuesday. The Greek-registered freighter *Good Ocean*, now docked in New Orleans, was boarded Monday by U.S. customs agents who determined the ship had never gone to Mozambique, as its papers said, the Times said.

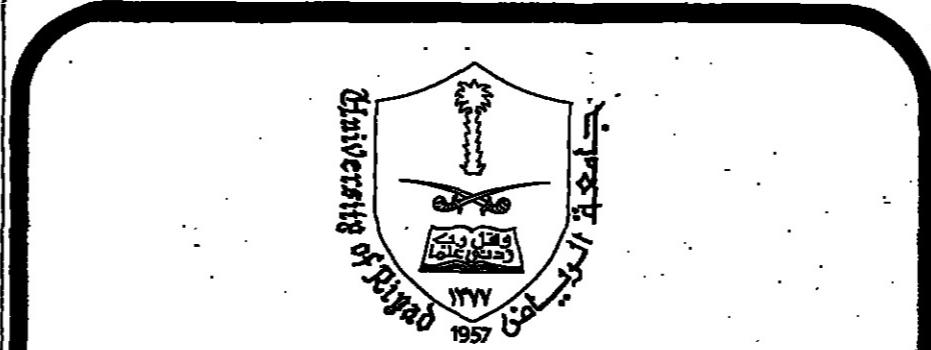
Instead, the ship apparently unloaded its shipment in Iran, the newspaper said. Reportedly, the *Good Ocean* was in New Orleans to receive a grain shipment. Its destination was not learned.

Carter ordered an embargo on shipments to Iran April 7, after the American hostages had been held captive for five months. The Times said Capt. C. Papahajidis was served with a subpoena to appear before a Federal Grand Jury in Jacksonville, Florida, Jan. 7. The subpoena was issued at the request of U.S. Attorney Gary L. Betz.

"I'm really not authorized to comment," Betz said, but he called the Times account "accurate." Betz said the investigation was continuing, and that it would be premature to speculate about whether charges would be filed and who could face charges in the incident.

"It's the cargo on the ship, and how the transactions were arranged" that could lead to charges in the incident, Betz said. Betz said he asked customs officials Dec. 24 to investigate whether Florida phosphate products were being shipped to nations under embargo.

"It is a federal offense to violate the presidential directive to trade with Iran. It is illegal to export American goods to Iran," Betz said. Several foreign companies are involved in the phosphate case, complicating the investigation, the Times said. The paper said export declaration forms and shipping documents showed the good ocean left Tampa April 10 with its destination listed as Port Veira, Mozambique, in Southeast Africa.



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## Algeria's fishing fleet wiped out by storm

ALGIERS, Dec. 31 (AFP) — A new catastrophe has hit Algeria with two days of unusually violent storms along its west coast, just three months after the devastating El Asnam earthquake. Many of the country's ports and almost all its fishing fleet have been destroyed, and some 20 ships in dock sank or were badly damaged. Total damage is estimated at tens of million dollars.

At Oran, closed since Sunday, the storms wrought disaster. Five ships, including the Danish Vessel *Finn Trader*, sank at their moorings. Three more were in danger of going down, while another 10 have been put out of action.

The harbor wall gave way before waves up to eight meters high and winds blowing up to 130 kph.

Rescue workers' first concern was to save the crew of the sinking ships, and one young Algerian captain distinguished himself by sacrificing his own vessel to block three others that had broken free and were drifting.

Nearly half the length of the harbor wall at Oran, the country's second port after Algiers, has been destroyed. Twelve out of 17 berths have been seriously damaged and several cranes collapsed damaging sheds as they fell. The fishing port is unusable and its fleet decimated.

At the oil port of Arzew, one of the most important on the Mediterranean, the harbor wall was also badly damaged. Traffic has been banned in the port area, which houses an important natural gas liquefaction plant.

An Uruguayan tanker with 80,000 cubic meters of liquefied gas aboard, and a Greek tanker *The Captain Marcos*, went down at

### *Oil tanker anchors off Hong Kong in case of emergency*

HONG KONG, Dec. 31 (AP) — The tanker *Straits Dahlia* anchored off Hong Kong Wednesday with an estimated 10-day emergency supply of fuel oil to help this tiny British colony running in case of further trouble in the Middle East. The Panamanian-registered tanker and its 70,000 tons of heavy fuel oil will serve as a floating reserve until the end of 1981 when land tanks now under construction are expected to be completed.

The arrival of the *Straits Dahlia*, which is being chartered for about \$10,000 a day, is the first stage of a government plan to store 200,000 tons of reserve fuel in tanks in local waters.

A government spokesman said the 70,000 tons of oil suitable for generating electricity was purchased Dec. 11 on the Singapore spot market at a price of \$241 per ton. The oil could remain in storage for up to 10 years, the spokesman said.

The cost of buying and maintaining the strategic reserves will be paid by electricity consumers through a fuel variation clause set daily by the electric companies.

The *Straits Dahlia*, which arrived from Singapore, anchored west of the Ninepin group of islands southeast of Hong Kong island under tight security. The government spokesman said the tanker will be permanently manned and can be moved in case of a typhoon or other emergency.

Arzew. West Algeria's two major fishing ports, Benisud and Ghazaouet, were both badly hit. At Benisud, 22 fishing boats were wrecked by a ship which broke its moorings. Blizzards and torrential rains have also blocked roads and upset telecommunications.

Human casualties have been relatively light, according to official figures, with just two persons reported missing in the Cherchell region, 100 km west of Algiers.

But living conditions for the 400,000 made homeless in the El Asnam earthquake were rendered even more atrocious by the snow, rain and winds which blew away many of their tents.

Meanwhile, French experts have flown to the port of Arzew to examine a spill from a fully-loaded tanker which ran aground in a storm on Sunday, harbor officials said.

## Oman receives \$11m loan from Arab fund

KUWAIT, Dec. 31 (AP) — The Arab Fund for Economic Development announced a loan of \$11.25 million, Wednesday to the Sultanate of Oman to finance a natural gas pipeline project. The announcement said the loan is repayable over 15 years at an annual interest of six per cent with a three-year grace period. The announcement said Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates are contributing \$15 and 4.7 million respectively to the funding of the project whose total cost is \$40 million.

Foreign Exchange Rates			
Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Wednesday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahrain Dinar	—	8.87	8.85
Belgian Franc (1,000)	105.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.80	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	170.00	172.00	170.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	156.00	—	157.15
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirati Dirham (100)	—	91.00	90.70
French Franc (100)	73.00	74.30	73.90
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	72.25	73.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.25
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.25	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	36.00	36.50	36.20
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.10	—	16.65
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.88	10.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.28	12.28
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	92.20	91.65
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	82.00	80.30
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	7.88	8.00	7.97
Qatari Rial (100)	—	91.85	91.70
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.56
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	42.20	42.20
Swiss Franc (100)	188.00	191.50	190.10
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.00	85.50
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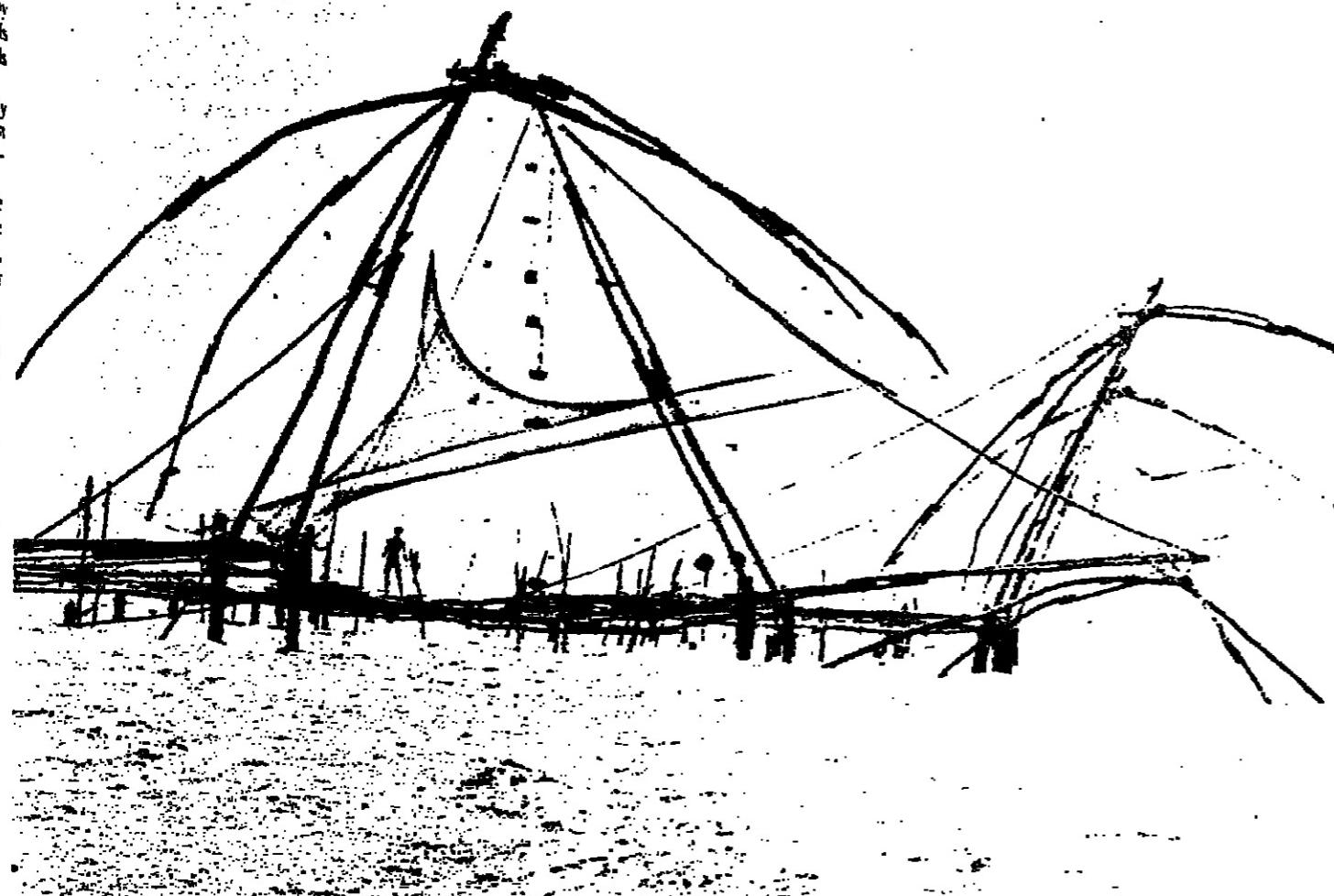
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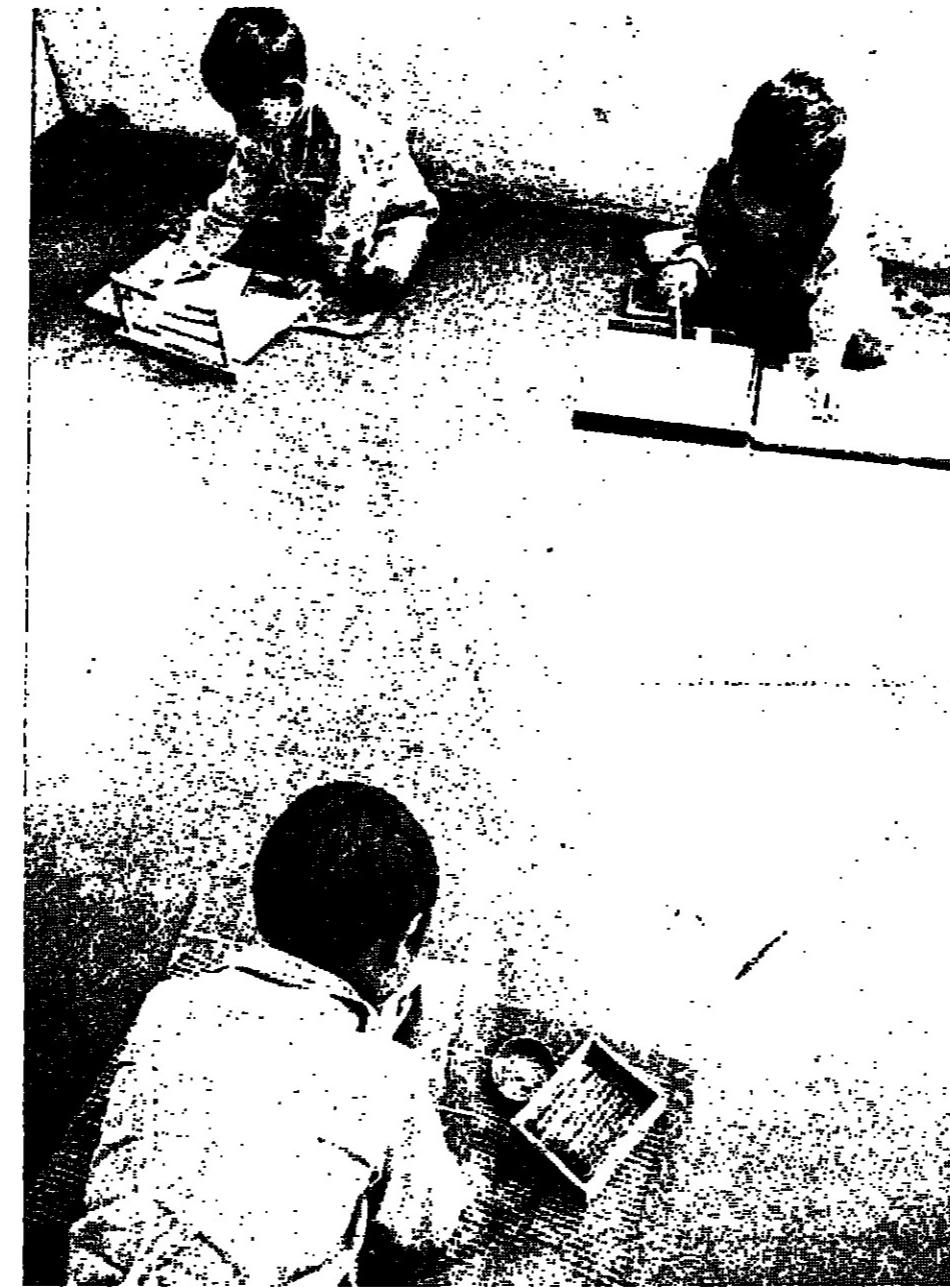
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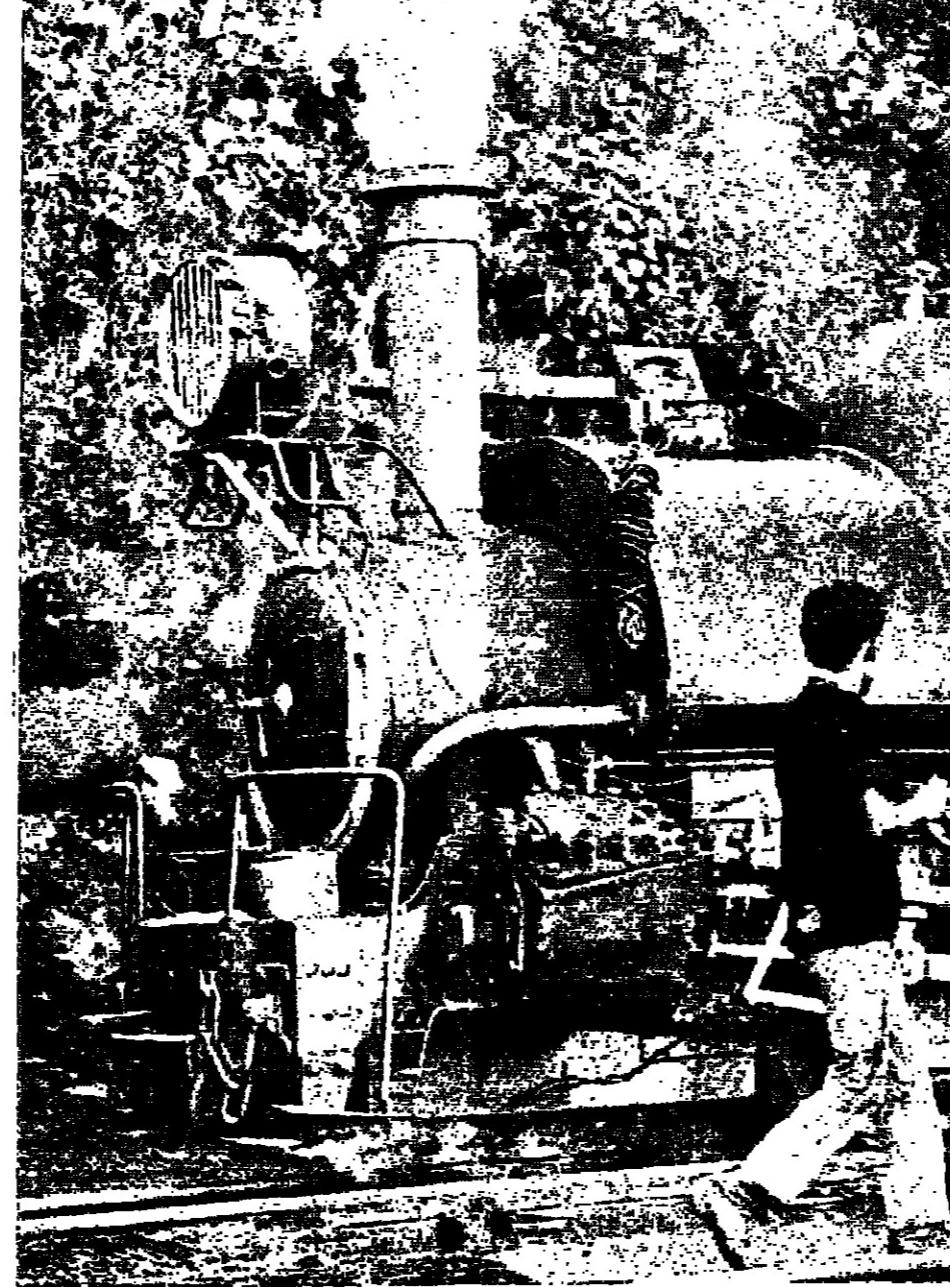
ORISSA: fishing nets suspended from stilts in the sea



TAJ MAHAL: seen from the fort in Agra



DARJEELING: children at the Montessori kindergarten



MUSEUM PIECE: this antique engine still pulls a train



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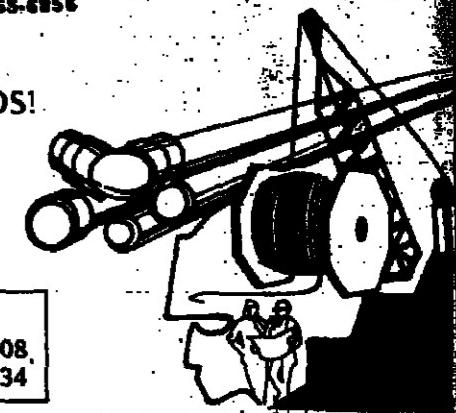
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## U.S. reply may end hostage deadlock

TEHRAN, Dec. 31 (AP) — Iran looked to the Algerian government Wednesday for a way out of the hostage deadlock, but reports from Tehran indicated the crisis was far from over and that the Soviet Union might be responsible.

Iran's main hostage negotiator, Behzad Nabavi, indicated Tuesday his government would accept a U.S. counterproposal on Iran's demand for \$24 billion if it "contains a kind of guarantee acceptable to the Algerian government."

The Algerian intermediaries were leaving Washington for Algiers Wednesday with the U.S. answer, and one U.S. official said it could end the 424-day-old crisis for the 52 captives "if the Iranians are willing and able to do so."

However, the American CBS television

### Iranian diplomat to defy eviction

HONG KONG, Dec. 31 (R) — Iranian consul Muhammad Hossein Saeidani said Wednesday he and his staff will stay on at their consular office here despite notice to quit when their seven-year lease expires at midnight.

Now will they move when the building is renamed Bank of America tower next year. The bank bought 15 floors of the 40-story block earlier this year and will have offices above and below the one-room consulate and its staff of three Iranians.

"This is nothing to do with the bank of America as such," Saeidani said. "We have enough troubles with the Americans as it is without adding to them with this. But it is too difficult to find suitable new premises, especially after spending (\$20,000 U.S.) on a security system for our office."

He said the consulate had been served notice to leave a few months ago and given no option to stay on even at increased rent, which is at present \$3,500 a month for 100 square meters.

"We shall continue to send our monthly rent check, which I am sure the landlords will have no hesitation in accepting, and continue to hope they will change their minds and discuss our staying on as tenants," Saeidani said.

He added that he did not anticipate a lock-out or sit-in siege. "We shall just come and go normally," he said. There was no immediate comment from Bank of America or the building's co-owner, Carrion Investments Limited.



AN ICY TIME : New York firemen climb an ice-covered fire escape Saturday outside an apartment building which was the scene of five-alarm blaze. The sub-zero temperatures in combination with water being sprayed created thousands of stalactites from every horizontal surface.

### Kania reaffirms support of workers

WARSAW, Dec. 31 (AFP) — Polish leader Stanislaw Kania warned the independent trade unions against an "ideological break" when he visited their base on the Baltic coast Tuesday, the Polish news agency PAP reported Wednesday.

However, he also reaffirmed the "unanimous constructive attitude of the party and the authorities" towards the unions, in a speech to party workers at the Paris commune shipyard in Gdynia, PAP said.

Kania, first secretary of the Polish United Workers (Communist) Party, stressed the determination of the party to "develop socialist democracy" through "stimulating social activity and assuming social responsibility."

He recalled the importance of Poland's ties

network news correspondent Tom Fenton reported that Iran's internal situation is making it increasingly difficult for its negotiators to find a compromise which would be acceptable to the United States and politically feasible for the Iranian leadership.

He said despite the apparent desire of Iran's negotiators to resolve the hostage problem as soon as possible, diplomatic observers in Tehran are not optimistic that a solution can be found before Jan. 20, when U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan takes office.

Fenton quoted the diplomats as saying that Ayatollah Khomeini, who has sent hundreds of Iranians before firing squads and is a political foe of President Abolhassan Banisadr, has applied for a diplomatic visa for France, and that other political clergymen have made contingency plans to flee Iran.

Carole Jerome of the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. reported from Tehran that "respected sources within the government believe that the Soviet Union is responsible for the crisis because the people manipulating the situation are working in the interests of Moscow."

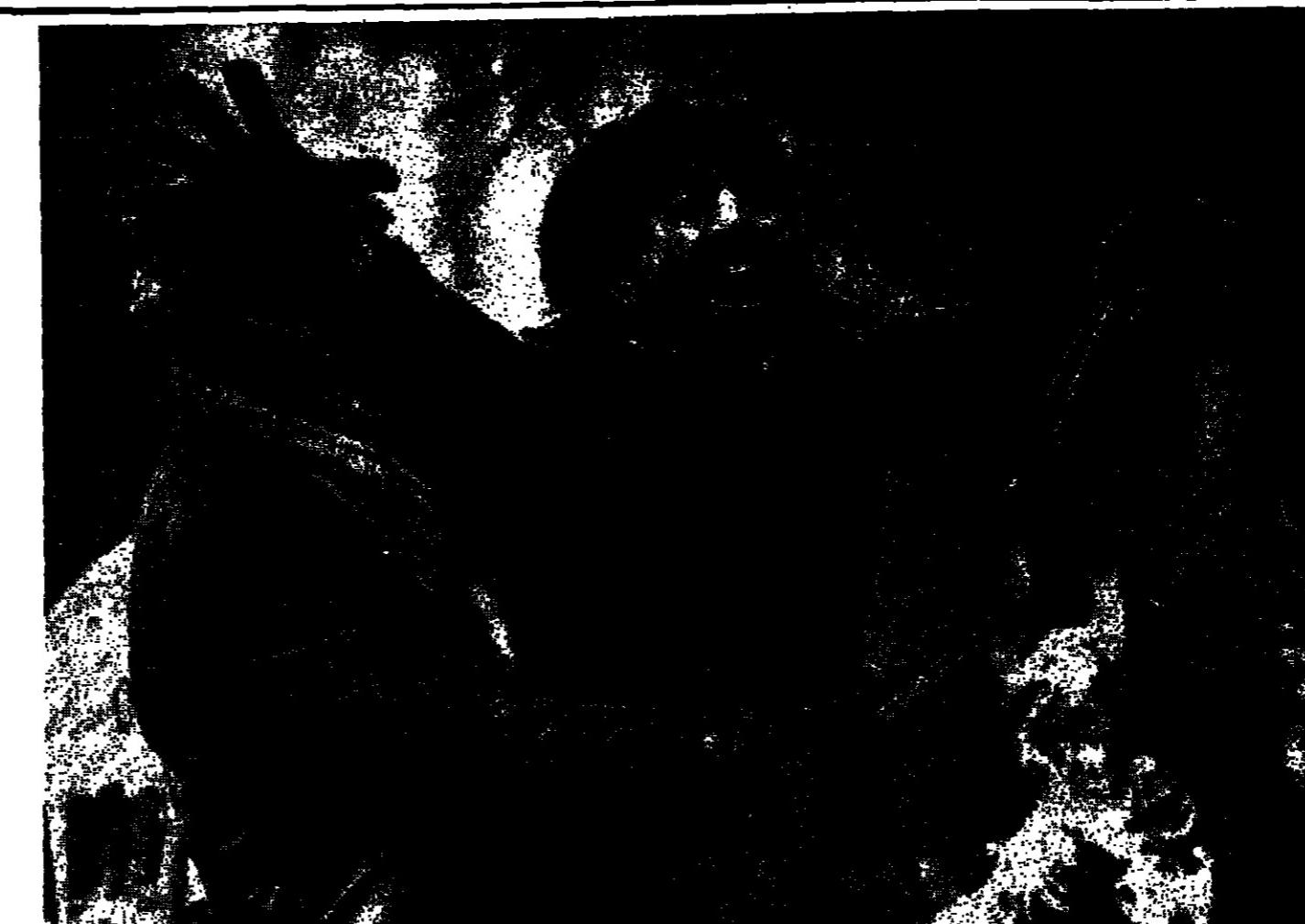
"The sources point out that it is in Moscow's interest to ensure the relations between Iran and the United States remain broken," they said. The reporter said the sources believe the militant students who seized the U.S. Embassy on Nov. 4, 1979 were members of Iran's pro-Moscow Communist Tudeh Party.

She said that knowledgeable Iranian authorities said whoever set the demand of \$24 billion "was fully aware that it would be impossible for the United States to accept it. In other words, there was a deliberate intention to prevent resolution of the crisis."

The CBC reporter said even Iranian officials were "shocked and surprised" by the demand. She said senior Iranian authorities who saw a report of the parliamentary committee handling the negotiations had expected the hostages to be home for Christmas, but the terms were increased after the report left the committee.

The Iranians want \$10 billion of the money deposited in Algeria's central bank for the return of Iranian assets frozen in U.S. banks. \$4 billion as a guarantee against other unidentified assets and \$10 billion as a guarantee against identification and recovery of the late Shah's property in the United States.

Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher told reporters Tuesday the latest U.S. note represents a reformulation of the basic American position conveyed to Iran in mid-November and made public by the State Department on Sunday.



PROTEST : Washingtonians chant anti-Soviet slogans Saturday as they burn a make-shift Soviet flag near the Soviet Embassy during a protest over Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

### Soviets losing control

## Afghan resistance seen growing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (WP) — When Soviet troops poured into Kabul a year ago, most observers thought the Afghan national resistance would collapse in the face of a modern army.

Instead, according to Western diplomats and neutral observers who have traveled recently through that rugged land, the resistance is flourishing.

The Red Army has 85,000 crack troops in Afghanistan, and the puppet government of Babrak Karmal in place. Yet those troops now have less control over the major cities and roads than they did a year ago.

While it is hard to accurately gauge the progress of the fighting in Afghanistan since the country is off limits to Western journalists, information reaching Washington and New Delhi (a primary listening post for events in Afghanistan) from a variety of sources indicates that government forces can

travel on key highways only under heavy military escort, while insurgents move openly through major cities, including the capital of Kabul.

"The Russians have discovered that the Afghans are not Czechs," said one diplomat, referring to the way Soviet forces were able to crush the 1968 rebellion in Prague.

Very few people believed last year that it was possible for the insurgents to hold out against the Soviets for more than six months, said one close Washington observer of events in Afghanistan since the Soviet invasion.

Those who did were considered hopelessly romantic, and accused of placing too much faith in the traditional Afghan hatred of invaders, which gave the people of Afghanistan the will to force the stronger British Army into bloody retreat from Kabul in the mid-1800s. "But the British didn't have any tanks," said one diplomat.

### Gold static

## Dollar registers strong finish

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP) — The dollar was ending a good year in Europe on a positive note Wednesday, moving higher against key currencies. Against the Japanese yen, however, it fell to a 21-month low.

Thanks to U.S. interest rates, the dollar rose an average 13 per cent against most European currencies in 1980.

Gold, which had a boom last year, was little changed from Tuesday's levels in quiet trading. London's five bullion houses fixed a morning recommended gold price of \$589.50 a troy ounce, up from \$587.50 late Tuesday. That compares with \$567.50 at the start of 1980, only a 4-per cent gain for the year.

In Zurich, gold was trading at a median \$587.50 an ounce, up one dollar. It was worth \$635 on the first day's trading of 1980. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$591.22, up \$1.16.

Gold had finished at \$588 up \$3.50, in late New York trading Tuesday. It was in New York last Jan. 21 that gold hit its all-time peak \$875 an ounce in trading, closing at \$850.

Silver, which touched a peak \$49 an ounce

that month, was quoted in London Wednesday at \$15.55 an ounce, down from \$15.70 Tuesday.

The bullion boom had been caused by Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, the Iranian hostage crisis, increased oil prices and recession. The bubble burst when none of these events blew up into world confrontations and when investors diversified, particularly into dollar deposits thanks to record interest rates in the Carter administration's efforts to curb inflation.

The only important currencies to defy the dollar's strength were the British pound sterling, buoyed by North Sea oil, and the Japanese yen. The yen closed the day Wednesday 15 per cent higher than a year ago at 293.60 yen to the dollar. This compares with 205.40 yen Tuesday.

It was the dollar's lowest mark against the yen since March 1979, although still above the all-time low 176.075 yen hit on Oct. 31, 1978.

The yen's strength is attributed to Japan's strong economy with a slowing inflation rate and improving trade balance. Analysts forecast the yen will appreciate further in 1981.

Some observers believe the Soviet need to

deploy troops around Poland will inhibit troop increases in Afghanistan in the near future. But others think the Soviets are following a policy of trying to wear down the resistance without really conquering it.

Despite their inability to crush the fighters the Soviets have gotten good value from their year of fighting in Afghanistan. The Red Army, trained and equipped to fight on the plains of either Europe or Mongolia, is getting its first combat experience since World War II ended 35 years ago. Its generals are being forced to develop new tactics to barre a home-grown insurgency on mountainous terrain.

According to diplomats, the Soviets are shuttling crack troop units in and out of Afghanistan to give wide segments of their army combat experience.

The freedom fighters, meanwhile, appear to be hanging on only by sheer will, massive popular support, and a seeming ability to thrive under the harshest conditions. With their families parked as refugees in Pakistan, they are surviving the winter in caves eating flat bread and dried fruits and walking the mountain passes in open sandals.

But the percentage of worldwide income (gross national product) spent on the military fell slightly from 5.7 per cent to 5.4 per cent, the lowest figure in 15 years, the study said. This was because spending on health and education were rising faster than military spending worldwide, it said.

It said the share of worldwide gross national product spent on public health in 1978 was three per cent, on public education 5.3 per cent and on the military 5.4 per cent. A decade earlier those figures were 2.1, 4.6 and 6.7 per cent.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31 (R) — One person was killed when police fired on demonstrating farmers in the South Indian state of Tamil Nadu Wednesday, the Press Trust of India reported.

Police fired when the farmers, demanding higher crop prices, hurled stones at them and deflated bustires in the South Arcot district of the state.

PTI quoted police as saying at least five attempts by demonstrators to damage bridges in two other districts were prevented.

More than 6,000 people have been arrested in Tamil Nadu since the farmers' protest began on Dec. 23.

A similar protest in the western state of Maharashtra ended last Monday with the arrest of 10,000 people including some of the country's top opposition leaders.

### Arms budget up

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (R) — Worldwide military spending totaled some \$480 billion in 1978 and was continuing to rise, the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency has reported.

The amount was 1.7 per cent higher than the 1977 figure and brought the total spent on military activity since World War II to nearly \$10 trillion, the agency said in its annual summary of military expenditure. According to U.S. Central Intelligence Agency estimates, the Soviet Union spent some \$1.54 billion more than any other country, on its military in 1978, while the United States spent \$108.4 billion.

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